

Julianne Burg, Vice President  
Julie Burg, Treasurer  
Samantha Burg, Secretary  
Jon Tieucl, Parliamentarian

**Committees:**

*Community* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month – Julianne Burg, Chair; Julie Burg; Marco Flores; David Greenman (alternate), Thryeris Mason, & Joel Vaca  
*Marketing & Outreach* – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every month – Samantha Burg, Chair; Nicolas Creighton, Co-Chair, Julianne Burg, Julie Burg, & Nina Womack (alternate)  
*Policy* – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month – Jean Frost, Chair; Jim Childs, Co-Chair; Cindy Gaete; Christopher Perez; Joanne Russell, & Jon Tieucl  
*Homelessness* – Hiatus

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NORTH  
AREA NEIGHBORHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**



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Thryeris Mason, President

**Area Representatives:**  
Marco Flores, Area 1  
Joel Vaca, Area 1  
David Greenman, Area 2  
Kevin McPherson, Area 2  
Jean Frost, Area 3  
Nicolas Creighton, Area 3

**At Large Representatives:**  
Jon Tieucl  
Nina Womack  
Cindy Gaete

**Community Interest Positions:**  
Christopher Perez, USC  
Jim Childs, Business Rep

**General Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 4, 2021 6:30 PM  
Via Zoom Webinar Teleconferencing**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - President Thryeris Mason called Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.. Members present Thryeris Mason, Julianne Burg, Samantha Burg, Julie Burg, Marco Flores, Joel Vaca, Kevin McPherson, David Green, Jean Frost, Nicolas Creighton, Nina Womack, Cindy Gaete, Chris Perez and Jim Childs.. Quorum established, 15 members present.
- II. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
  - Without objection February's minutes are read and accepted as read
  - Motioned by Jon, second by Jean
  - (15,0,0)
- III. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - None
- IV. **TREASURER REPORT**
  - Without objection January's MER Report is accepted.
  - Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jon
  - (15,0,0)
- V. **COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
  - a. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti – David Price- Not Present
  - b. LAPD Senior Lead Officers – Southwest SLO Representative-Office Garner informed everyone that there have been auto-thefts, catalytic converter thefts, and homeless issues along Figueroa. Officer was asked what the terminology "Sideshow Take Over" meant? Officer Garner stated that it is a lingo stating that there is a takeover on a street where people stand and watch groups gathering; and do donuts at intersections or race down the streets. These issues seem to be more frequent at Crenshaw and Jefferson
  - c. USC Public Safety Officers - Officer Carreno concurred with Officer Garners report. She also spoke about an incident, which happened on February 23, 2021 at approximately 6:30 p.m. where a student was stabbed without any provocation. She informed us that the parking lot south of the Vagabond Inn has also had an increase in auto thefts.

She also informed everyone that there would be a slow rollout of in-person classes during the fall semester.

- d.* Council District 1 for Councilmember Gil Cedillo – Ghandy Diaz not present
- e.* Council District 8 – Albizael Del Valle spoke about the historic vote for "Re-imagining Public Funds" He stated that this is a big win; this bring more resources directly into the communities. They will be able to do more cleanups, bring more housing, bring more vaccination programs, etc. Safety Safe Passage will be extended throughout District 8. Albi also announced that he was able to connect City Planning with the NANDC Task Force so they can help respond to some of the pressing issues the community has.
- f.* Council District 9 for Councilmember Curren Price – Nora Gutierrez not present

- g.* The Office of Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Assembly District 59 - Not Present
- h.* USC Community Report – Steve Wesson, USC Village Ombudsman spoke about COVID-19 vaccination education. He spoke about the series of workshops they have to inform the communities and answers or concerns they might have regarding the vaccines. He also informed everyone that they have the new vaccination site at 37th Street and Flower Street.
- i.* Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Octaviano Rios
- j.* Budget Advocates Update-Gave a recap on Elections and answered questions regarding the sub-committees membership
- k.* City Clerk Election Administrator – Lanee Basulto - Not Present

## **VI. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

- a.* USC Department of Public Safety Community Advisory Board Presentation by Dr. Erroll Southers and Chief John Thomas – An overview of the initiative and efforts to date - Not present due to calendar conflict.
- b.* South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) – Thryeris Mason
  - Raquel Beltran, DONE General Manager, spent sometime with SLAANC during January and informed them of 4 important things that are happening at DONE
  - 1-Racial Equity, Social Justice, Diversity & inclusion, and Implicit Bias Training for Neighborhood Councils
  - Malaika Billups, Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer, is assisting DONE with the development of DEI training.
  - DONE is assessing for elements from the City's workplace policy that can be adopted into DONE's training
  - Harassment and harassing conduct will apply to NC's
  - Targeted training programs will come into ply within NC's
  - Changes to the Code of Conduct (1) anchored in the workplace equity policy; (2) framed around the need to have policy and (3) compliance & enforcement
  - 2 - Current & proposed Budget
  - NEA Reassignments such as Octaviano Rios now being our new NEA
  - 3 - Election Outreach Strategy
  - \$456K for selected NC's for election outreach
  - DWP will promote the elections
  - Parks & Rec & possibly LAUSD will promote as well
  - The Raven Group will be used to push the mainstream & community media communication by telling the stories of NC's
  - Social Media digital programs will be in place
  - Targeted assistance will be given to unstable NC's
  - 4 - Policies & Procedures Under Revision - Regional Grievance Panel will be formed
  - Virtual Governance is bit of a mess. Thryeris gave an example of an individual who had an issue with post on Facebook
  - Also heard from Rocky Wiles, Compliance & Operation Manager, Department of Cannabis Regulations and spoke of the following:
    - Commercial Cannabis Retail Applicants who are applying for licenses in Community Plan areas which have reached undue concentration must use the Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN) request
    - Retail license capacity is determined by the number of residents at 1 per 10, 000
    - Those PCN candidates will be required to appear before key stakeholder groups such as NC's, LAPD, chamber of commerce and substance abuse centers
    - City Council must approve the request using standards they have adopted to review the application.
    - Upon approval, the party can then submit a license application to DCR
    - NC's are advised to consult with the city attorney to develop standardized questions in order to avoid bias or discrimination
    - If you are interested in watching the full video regarding cannabis please visit <http://cannabis.lacity.org>
    - In February, Matthew Glense, Senior City Planner, Los Angeles City Planning visited SLAANC and spoke of the

following:

- 4 years into the 8 year plan to house LA in an affordable fashion
  - LA has the largest housing shortage nationally
  - Affordable means spending less than 30% of the AMI (\$70,950) on housing costs
  - Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) = 455K affordable units versus 82,202 for prior cycle
  - NANDC & UNNC combined have 25% of the city's zoning capacity
  - May participate in the process by attending outreach sessions & webinars and weigh in
  - Ignite Daniel & Kika Keith, Owners, Good Times Crenshaw (Between Stocker & 43rd) spoke about:
  - Engaging the community to survey needs in order to create a comprehensive Community Based Agreement
  - 10 week plan to educate & gather information to further their plan to encourage economic development
  - ECSWANC is creating a comprehensive economic development plan and needs someone to assist them with the development of a Regional Geographic Information System (RGIS) . So please let President Mason know if you know of someone @ President@nandc.org
  - MINC is holding LAPD accountable for using military grade weapons against protestors last summer and also reviewing their rules of engagement
  - PMHCC gave away 2000 backpacks during COVID-19
- c. Area 1 Report provided by Marco Flores reported on the Slow Streets Program; the signs will now be permanent. DOT will reconfigure the streets somewhat and create single lanes. Where they will incorporate a space with possible opportunities for artwork, gardening, etc.
- d. Area 2 Report provided by Kevin McPherson- No Report
- e. Area 3 Report provided by Jean Frost concern about the removal of a sycamore tree @ 2390 Portland. Nicolas Creighton has had more requests not only by the tenants/property owners along 22nd Street (between Vermont and Ellendale, but also tenants/property owners of 25th Street (between Hoover and Magnolia). The same areas are concerns about the sidewalks, which are beyond black top repair. Sidewalks are a foot or so sticking up in the air due to the roots. Albi promised that with the coming funds CD 8 is getting, they would be 1st on the list.
- f. At Large & Community Interest Reports -None
- g. Community Committee Report- The Community Committee has been working on Coffee with NANDC, NANDC Town Hall, and potential Senior Appreciation Day.
- h. Marketing & Outreach Committee Update – Samantha Burg, Committee Chair- The Marketing & Outreach Team has had joint meeting with the Community Committee to work with them on their events. They are also working on NANDC Nods, Elections, and Utility Boxes along Western Avenue. Samantha also gave a brief recap on elections and encouraged everyone to visit Epowerla.org/elections for more information or contact her @ secretary@nandc.org

## VII. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Action/Discussion: 1314 West Jefferson Boulevard**, undergrounding of utilities for this 6-story apartment TOC development previously approved by NAND. **Policy Committee Recommendation/Motion:** to send letter as drafted in support of undergrounding the utilities for the development at 1314 1338 West Jefferson Boulevard (7-0-0)
- Without objection the board motions to support in sending a letter (as drafted) in support of undergrounding the utilities for the development at 1314 1338 West Jefferson Boulevard
  - Motioned by Thryeris, second by Jon
  - All board members in favor (15,0,0)
- b. **Action/Discussion: Community Impact Statement – CF19-0046 Developer Contribution Restrictions / City Elected Officials / Candidates for City Office.** **Link:** [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0046\\_mot\\_02-02-2021.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0046_mot_02-02-2021.pdf) Motion to amend CF19-0046 restricting developer contributions to become effective at an earlier date. **Policy Committee Recommendation/Motion:** to support amending CF-0046 to become effective at earlier date. (7-0-0)
- Without objection the board motions to support amending CF-0046 to become effective at earlier date.
  - Motioned by Jean, second by David
  - All board members in favor (15,0,0)
- c. **Action/Discussion: Discussion of ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units)** state and city ordinances and regulations and their implementation, Ordinance 186481, Government Code section 65852.2 and ADUs in the NANDC area. **Policy Committee Recommendation/Motion:** to send letter as drafted requesting that LADBS join NANDC in reviewing specific case studies to understand what state and local law requires and what B&S and Planning can implement (7-0-0)
- Without objection the board motions to send letter as drafted requesting that LADBS join NANDC in reviewing specific case studies to understand what state and local law requires and what B&S and Planning can implement
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
  - All board members in favor (15,0,0)

- d. Action/Discussion: Homeless Encampment Sanitation During COVID-19 – CD8 Pilot Program - Request**  
 Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson move that City Council create a pilot program in CD8 using CARES, or similar funds, and future coronavirus aid, relief and economic stimulus funds received to: 1. Place trash dumpsters in areas where the city has placed portable toilets; 2. Place trash dumpsters in areas near homeless encampments that are experiencing high levels of dumping due to the encampment size; 3. Fund weekly servicing of trash dumpsters; 4. Present findings to city council for the possible creation of a permanent program; 5. Explore the use of third-party sanitation contractors if city resources are not available because of COVID; 6. Fund the pilot project using CARES or similar funds, and future coronavirus aid, relief, and economic stimulus funds so as not to encroach on City funds. Furthermore, have NANDC move the same request in the South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) and that SLAANC further identify areas of similar needs and problems. Community Committee Recommendation/Motion: to support presentation to the full board. (4-0-0)
- Without objection the board motions to request Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson move that City Council create a pilot program in CD8 using CARES, or similar funds, and future coronavirus aid, relief and economic stimulus funds received to: 1. Place trash dumpsters in areas where the city has placed portable toilets; 2. Place trash dumpsters in areas near homeless encampments that are experiencing high levels of dumping due to the encampment size; 3. Fund weekly servicing of trash dumpsters; 4. Present findings to city council for the possible creation of a permanent program; 5. Explore the use of third-party sanitation contractors if city resources are not available because of COVID; 6. Fund the pilot project using CARES or similar funds, and future coronavirus aid, relief, and economic stimulus funds so as not to encroach on City funds. Furthermore, have NANDC move the same request in the South Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (SLAANC) and that SLAANC further identify areas of similar needs and problems. Community Committee Recommendation/Motion: to support presentation to the full board.
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
  - All board members in favor (15,0,0)
- e. Action/Discussion: SOLA Community Peace Center NPG Request \$4,000**  
**Presented by: Dr. Susan Stouffer -** The SOLA Community Peace Center would like to request an NPG request for \$4,000. This NPG would be used to purchase food and PPE supplies for struggling families affected by COVID. They will also use the funds to provide leadership training and experience to youth in the NANDC area. **Community Committee Recommendation/Motion:** to support the NPG request of \$4,000 for SOLA Community Peace Center (4-0-0)
- Without objection prior to any discussion on item VII. e. (Motions & Resolutions- LA Community Peace Center NPG Request \$4,000), the board motions to table this item until it is cleared with the City Attorney, since Board Member Marco Flores has been listed in "Section IV-Potential Conflicts of Interest" line item. Marco has spoken to the City Attorney prior but is being ask by NAI Octaviano Rios to speak to the City Attorney regarding this NPG once again.
  - Motioned by Jean, second by Jon
  - All board members in favor (15,0,0)
- f. Action/Discussion: NANDC “Coffee & Comedy” Community Mixer Virtual Event -**  
**Community Committee Recommendation/Motion:** to reschedule the NANDC Mixer "Coffee & Comedy" Virtual Event from Saturday, February 20th to Saturday, March 13th. (4-0-0)
- Without objection the board motions to reschedule the NANDC Mixer "Coffee & Comedy" Virtual Event from Saturday, February 20th to Saturday, March 13th.
  - Motioned by Jon, second by Jean
  - All board members in favor (15,0,0)
- g. Action/Discussion: NANDC “Coffee & Comedy” Community Mixer Virtual Event –** Board approval of payment of the non-refundable deposit to the event comedian (Kente Scott) in the amount of \$175.00.
- Without objection the board motions to make a non-refundable deposit to the event comedian (Kente Scott) in the amount of \$175.00.
  - Motioned by Jon, second by Jean
  - All board members in favor (15,0,0)
- h. Action/Discussion: NANDC Virtual Town Hall -- Community Committee Recommendation/Motion:** to reschedule the NANDC Virtual Town Hall Event from Saturday, March13th to Saturday, April 24th. (4-0-0)
- Without objection the board motions to reschedule the NANDC Virtual Town Hall Event from Saturday, March13th to Saturday, April 24th.
  - Motioned by David, second by Jon
  - All board members in favor (15,0,0)

## VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- a. Confirmation of community/stakeholder members of standing committees-David Greenman member of the Policy Committee

## IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS- None

**X. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-None**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:05 p.m. by President Mason**

**Official public notice for all committees:**

<b>Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Council Committees</b>			
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION</b>	<b>MEETING DATE/TIME</b>
<b>Community Committee</b> (Outreach, Youth and Senior, Block Club/Neighborhood Associations, Beautification, Budget and Finance)	<b>Julianne Burg, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:vp@nandc.org">vp@nandc.org</a>	Via Zoom	Second Thursday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Marketing &amp; Outreach Committee</b> (Marketing, Events, Outreach, Social Media)	<b>Samantha Burg, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:Secretary@nandc.org">Secretary@nandc.org</a> <b>Nicolas Creighton, Co-Chair</b> <a href="mailto:area3b@nandc.org">area3b@nandc.org</a>	Via Zoom	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Policy Committee</b> (Public Safety, Economic Development, Land Use)	<b>Jean Frost, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:area3a@nandc.org">area3a@nandc.org</a> <b>Jim Childs, Co-Chair</b> <a href="mailto:business@nandc.org">business@nandc.org</a>	Via Zoom	Fourth Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
<b>Homelessness Committee (Inactive)</b>	<b>Nina Womack, Chair</b> <a href="mailto:atlargerep2@nandc.org">atlargerep2@nandc.org</a>	N/A	TBA

The Next Regular Meeting of the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council Governing Board is: **Thursday, March 4, 2021, location pending the status of Safer at Home order.**

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meeting, including items to be discussed in closed session. A brief general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words. The agenda shall specify the time and location of the regular meeting and shall be posted in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public. If requested, the agenda shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. The agenda shall include information regarding how, to whom, and when a request for disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting.

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Government code Section 54957.9

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